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## MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO COMBAT VET WITH V CORPS' 22ND SIGNAL BRIGADE

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**DARMSTADT, Germany** – A lone soldier walks to the front of the chapel where two boots, an inverted M16A2 rifle and a Kevlar helmet bearing another soldier's name were on display. A chapel filled with Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans looked on.



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*Col. Jeffrey G. Smith Jr. commander of V Corps' 22nd Signal Brigade (right) and brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Ray D. Lane kneel at a memorial for the late Staff Sgt. Malcom D. Roddy of the brigade's Company B, 17th Signal Battalion, during a memorial service for the Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran in Kitzingen, Germany June 15. Roddy recently died of cancer.*

The display paid tribute to the late Staff Sgt. Malcom D. Roddy, a node switch supervisor for V Corps' Company B, 17th Signal Battalion, 22nd Signal Brigade.

While it was not war that took the life of the combat veteran, it was a battle.

"He died of a battle within," said 17th Signal

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Brian P. Moore during Roddy's memorial service in the Larson Barracks Community Chapel in Kitzingen, Germany June 15.

Roddy lost his battle with stomach cancer June 8, nearly one year after being medically evacuated from the Baghdad International Airport. During the onset of Iraqi

Freedom, Roddy supervised a team of nearly 15 soldiers as they convoyed into Iraq.  
Prior to his evacuation, he supervised one of B Company's node centers.

Roddy is survived by two sons and one daughter.

